

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A male die is adapted to be opposed to a first face of a metallic plate member. The male die includes a plurality of punches which are provided on
5 the male die and arranged side by side in a first direction with a fixed pitch. A guide member is formed with a guide face which supports a side portion of the male die, at least when the punches are pressed into the plate member in a second direction, to form through holes therein.